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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s): **LUIGI PICCHETTI, ANTONIO SECOMANDI, ROBERTO RANUCCI, CLAUDIO MARINELLI, FRANCESCO LUPINI**

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For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONFIGURING PROCESSING ENTITIES ACCORDING TO THEIR ROLES IN A DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM WITH A DISTRIBUTED ARCHITECTURE

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Enclosed are also:

- 16 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
- 4 Pages of Claims
- 5 Sheet(s) of Drawings
- 1 A Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation
- Certified Copy of FRANCE Patent 02027753.9 dated December 11, 2002
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of _____ references
- Preliminary Amendment

FOR	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate		Basic Fee
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